

# 911 Remembering Prayer

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## **Prayer:**

Holy God, **we have gathered here today to remember** – to remember that fateful day, September 11, 2001, when our nation was so viciously attacked by terrorists.

**We are here to remember** when the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City – symbols of strength and American Pride – fell to the ground in a cloud of dust, with 2,605 lives lost.

**We are here to remember** when the Pentagon – symbol of our military might – was penetrated by our enemy – killing 125 people;

**We are here to remember** the brave men and women who diverted a flight over Pennsylvania, crashing the plane in a field near Shanksville, when another 40 lives were lost;

**We are here to remember** the 264 people who died on the four airplanes; people who were flying in confidence of the safety of the American airline system, never expecting such tragedy that would befall them.

**We are here to remember** the brave men and women of FDNY, NYPD, and Port Authority who were called into the bowels of hell that day.... Who so bravely and courageously reached into the very center of that inferno plucking out and saving as many as they could – 341 firefighters, 2 paramedics, 23 NYPD officers, and 37 Port Authority officers losing their lives in the process.

**We are here to remember** all the families who had to face the grim reality (many after days of wondering and waiting) that their loved ones would not be returning home. Our hearts and prayers go out to them today on this the \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary of that horrible day.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of those people who diverted that flight and brought that airplane down in a field to avoid a greater tragedy; Holy God, we honor the memory of all those who died on September 11, 2001, and we, O God, earnestly pray for all our brother and sisters in public safety today; who could be called at any moment into incidents as dire as those of September 11, 2001.

Holy God, as we remember those who died that day, we also remember those who stand ready to go into the bowels of hell for us today; put your great arms of protection around all our firefighters, police officers, and all our military who stand in our stead to protect our lives, our property, our community, and our country. Grant them protection and cover them with Your Amazing grace is our prayer. Amen.